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Dear Mr. Azzam,

I have been desired by His Excellency Mr. Fakhruddin Ahmed, Bangladesh High Commissioner to refer to your letter dated 24 October 1984.

According to information received from official sources, two groups of people clashed on 4th October at about noon while one group was bringing out a Muharram Procession at Mirpur near Dhaka. On receipt of the news of this sectarian disturbance, the Mirpur police rushed to the spot, disengaged the clashing groups and brought the situation under control. Later, the Fire Brigade alongwith police reinforcements rushed to the spot and dispersed the mob which was assembled in the area. During the incident ten persons including four firemen and one police Constable sustained injuries. They were later admitted in different hospitals in the city for treatment. 28 persons were taken into custody and two cases instituted at Mirpur Police Station in this connection. The situation returned completely to normal by the end of the evening.

In view of the above it would be unfair to allege that the police did not take any steps in restoring law and order and preventing the exacerbation of the problem.

The incident was also condemned by all the Political Parties. It may kindly be noted that the disturbance was fortunately far less in severity than similar incidents which took place during that period in India and Pakistan.

*With regards*

Yours sincerely,

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